(b) and (c) Only one person, namely Mond. Irfan s|o Mond. Ayub r/o Gari Mohalla, Village Tanda District Gujarat in Pakistan, has been arrested in this case. Further investigations are, continuing. It would not, therefore, be feasible or prudent to disclose further details at this stage.

Resuscitation of J&K from political coma

3945. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report published in the 'Indian Express' (New Delhi) dated 6th April, 1995 under the caption "Resuscitating J&K from its political coma" regarding the functioning of the Ministerial panel on J&K; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) The Government are aware of the press report in question. The Group of Ministers has been set up to consider and deliberate upon issues relating to restoration of the political process in J&K. It is taking action accordingly.

Lathi-charge on media persons at Jammu

3946. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Police and C.R.P.F. resorted to a lathi charge on peaceful media persons at Jammu on 31st March, 1995; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many scribes including women scribes were injured in the lathi-charge; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) On 31.3.1995, local pressmen who were taking out a procession to observe the "Press Day", were stopped near the Secretariat, where prohibitary orders under section 144 Cr. P.C were in force. When they tried to break the police cordon, mild force had to be used resulting in minor injuries to 4-5 pressmen, including a woman. The Press lodged a protest against the incident and declared that they would boycott all official functions till action was taken against the police personnel involved in the incident. The State Government ordered a magisterial inquiry into the incident and a Sub-Inspector of Police was placed under suspension. The local Press also set up a Committee of Inquiry to go into the incident, after which they had further discussions with the State Government, pursuant to which the matter was amicably settled and the protest was called-off.

Pending cases against companies

3947. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had undertaken an analysis of the rising cases against companies;

(b) if so, whether the analysis has been completed and if so, with what results;

(c) the reasons for the rising number of cases against the companies and the steps taken to remedy the situation;

(d) the number of cases pending against the companies as on the 31st December, 1994 and how do those compare with the preceding three years; and

(e) the steps taken to finalise all the pending cases expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The number of prosecution cases depends on violation of provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 committed by the companies. The defaults generally noticed are delays in filing of Balance Sheet and Annual Returns. The Government has taken a number of steps, including rationalisation and standardisation of additional fee charged, in order to streamline the procedure for filing of documents by the companies.

(d) The number of prosecution cases pending during last four years is as under:—

Year	No. of cases pending
1991	34534
1992	28906
1993	30912
1994	27726

(e) The disposal of cases depends on finalisation by the Courts.

Persons Languishing in Jails without trials

3948. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had observed that it is shameful to keep the man in Jail without trial;

(b) if so, the reasons for continuing the same unabatedly thereby;

(c) the number of TADA undertrails who are languishing in the jails without trials as on date;

(d) since when they are languishing in the jails and what are the reasons for not trying them;

(e) the steps taken to expedite their trials; and

(f) the number and details of TADA undertrials freed by TADA courts in Delhi along with the reasons for setting them free and action taken by Government on the points brought out by the courts in their orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court has time and again emphasised the need to speed up the criminal justice delivery system in the country. Some of the factors which contribute to delay in disposal of cases are population explosion, litigation explosion, inadequacy of judge strength, delays in filling up vacancies, lack of infrastructural facilities, long arguments and prolix judgments, lawyers strike and indiscriminate resort to writ jurisdiction, etc.

(c) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

गंभीर अपराध के लिए अभियुक्त को जमानत पर रिहा किया जाना

3949. **श्री अन्तराम जाय-वाल :**
श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार जनहित में वर्तमान कानून में संशोधन करने के लिए एक ऐसा विधान लाने का विचार रखती है जिसमें यह प्रावधान हो कि देश की सुरक्षा, देश की अर्थव्यवस्था को चौपट करने की साजिश तथा देशद्रोह की साजिश से संबंधित गंभीर अपराधों के लिए मुख्य अभियुक्त को मामले के निपटान तक जमानत पर रिहा न किया जाए?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) दंड प्रक्रिया संहिता (संशोधन) विधेयक,